

## STATE DEPARTMENT NEEDS MORE ROOM

Secretary Root's Plans Badly Hampered.

LITTLE PRIVACY AFFORDED

Warring Diplomats Ofttimes Confront Each Other in Unexpected Meetings.

Secretary Root has been anxious ever since he assumed his present office to obtain more room for his department, and he heartily approves of the stand taken by The Times in advocacy of all branches of each department being housed in one building. Mr. Root has discussed the situation with members of Congress, and he is anxious for legislation that will provide sufficient quarters. When the State Department wing of the State, War, and Navy Building was constructed, it was the intention that that department should occupy the entire wing, on the south end of the building. The Navy and War Departments have continually encroached upon the State Department, until at the present time the latter has been crowded into scarcely more than half of that wing.

### Handicapped for Room.

Secretary Root, in endeavoring to put into practice his policy of reorganization of the State Department finds himself badly handicapped for want of room. In order to put into practice the system he has in mind he needs in the neighborhood of thirty additional clerks, but owing to the present congestion, he has no room for them. The department officials point out, as is badly crowded as any of the departments. The privacy of Secretary Root and his three assistants, as well as chief clerk and bureau chiefs, has been encroached upon in order to make room, until now the Secretary of State and his Assistant Secretary are the only officials who have an entirely private room for conferences or private audiences.

### Need of Privacy Emphasized.

Of the three departments in this building, the Secretary of War has by far the largest number of callers, the Secretary of State's time being next in demand by Congressmen. In addition to the Congressional and other callers, however, the Secretary of State must give much of his time to the diplomatic representatives of the countries of the world. The regular day for these calls is Thursday, but when any important matters come up they call any day during the week. These conferences always call for absolute privacy, and when there are a number of callers at one time, waiting accommodations prove to be bad, notoriously so when it is understood that one ambassador may not desire another to know that he had called at the State Department. This was notably demonstrated during the Russo-Japanese war, when the Russian ambassador and Japanese minister came to call at the same time. The ambassador outranked the minister and had precedence, of course, and frequently the representative of Japan had the humiliating experience of seeing his diplomatic enemy walk by him into the Secretary's office.

### Embarrassment Might Result.

The diplomats are ushered into the diplomatic ante-chamber, where they await their turn to be shown into the diplomatic room, and thence into the private office of Mr. Root. The ante-chamber is uncomfortably small, being unable to accommodate more than a dozen persons at one time, without crowding. Mr. Root badly feels the need of at least two, and even more, waiting rooms, which are more badly needed than ever when two countries are on unfriendly terms. At present, if the German and French ambassadors call at the same time by chance, they are compelled to face each other in a small room, perhaps with no other diplomat present to keep the atmosphere from becoming too chilly.

Diplomatic relations between France and Venezuela having been broken off, the State Department officials also are aware that the representatives of those two countries might prefer not to be brought together in such close quarters, particularly since the United States is acting for each in the other country, and either one may desire the knowledge of his visit to be kept from the other. The United States is woefully behind all the larger European countries in such accommodations, it is pointed out, and such conditions cannot be expected to create a very favorable impression upon the representatives of the powers accredited to Washington.

## RELIEF FUND GROWS FOR JAPANESE SUFFERERS

The following residents of the District have contributed to the Red Cross fund for the relief of the famine-stricken Japanese since the last publication of names:

J. E. Torbet, \$2; Lucien H. Greathouse, \$2.50; William P. Eno, \$50; E. R. Green, \$3; "Cash" (St. John's Church), \$1; the Rev. C. H. Butler, \$6; J. E. S. (St. John's Church), \$1; Mrs. Joseph B. Thorpe, \$25; Mrs. Jesse K. Kaufmann, \$2; W. W. Dodge, \$5; Adolph Bowdler, \$2; Plate Printers' Union, Local No. 2, \$100; Theodore E. Burton, \$10; A. C. Lisner, \$50; E. M. Gallaudet, \$5; Louisa G. Davis, \$5; "A Friend," \$5 cents; Frank Goodwin, \$4; K. W. Kraft, \$2; Miss Alice S. Murdock, \$100; Miss Louise E. Murdock, \$100; Mrs. M. W. Goddard, \$5; Eckington Presbyterian Sunday school, \$5; M. V. Cummins, \$5 cents; Mrs. M. E. Hess, \$5 cents; J. S. S. Harbaugh, \$1; Mrs. Emma C. Weller, \$5 cents; Mrs. M. A. Ryan, \$1; Miss Nellie C. Conroy, \$1; John A. Baker, \$10; Mrs. M. Dwight Johnson, \$10; the Church of Our Father, \$50; R. H. H. \$1; West Street Presbyterian Church, \$2; Miss Louise Engelhart, \$2; Theodore F. Barnes, \$1; C. C. Williams, \$2; Maryland Avenue Baptist Young People's Society, \$1; Rosa F. Harrell, \$2; Anonymous, \$2; M. J. Holland, \$1.

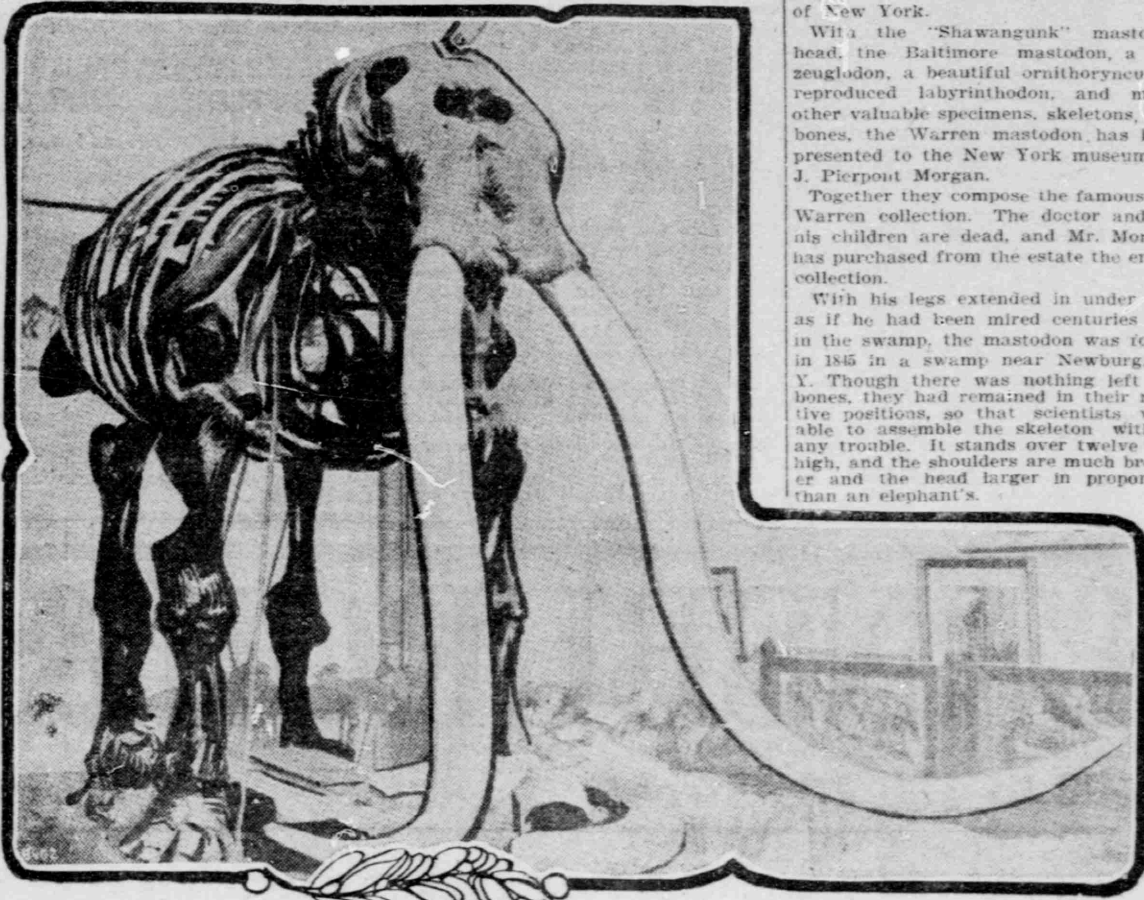
The Red Cross Society is arranging for the transportation of 200 tons of flour from San Francisco to Japan, the Pacific Mail Steamship Company having offered to transport the flour free of charge.

## J. PIERPONT MORGAN BUYS A MASTODON

Boston mourns the loss of a Shawangunk Mastodon and a fine Zeuglodon; Also, a beautiful Ornithomys with a reproduced Labyrinthodon; and many other Skeletons. Pierpont Morgan bought them all. Boston loses collection, which now goes to New York.

## Most Complete Specimen of Giganteus In the World Lost to Boston Forever

Valuable Specimen Was Found in a Swamp of New York, and it Stands Now Over Twelve Feet High.



BOSTON, March 24.—The Warren mastodon, the finest and most complete specimen in the world of the mastodon, Giganteus, for nearly sixty years the pride and delight of Boston pathologists and anatomists, has left Boston forever. It has been carefully packed and shipped, and within a few days will be set up to awe future generations in the American Museum of Natural History of New York.

With the "Shawangunk" mastodon head, the Baltimore mastodon, a fine zeuglodon, a beautiful ornithomys, a reproduced labyrinthodon, and many other valuable specimens, skeletons, and bones, the Warren mastodon has been presented to the New York museum by J. Pierpont Morgan.

Together they compose the famous Dr. Warren collection. The doctor and all his children are dead, and Mr. Morgan has purchased from the estate the entire collection.

With his legs extended in under him as if he had been mired centuries ago in the swamp, the mastodon was found in 1845 in a swamp near Newburg, N. Y. Though there was nothing left but bones, they had remained in their relative positions, so that scientists were able to assemble the skeleton without any trouble. It stands over twelve feet high, and the shoulders are much broader and the head larger in proportion than an elephant's.

## SHOOTING MATCHES FOR WORTHY CAUSE

Revolver Experts Helping Pay Off Mortgage.

## POLICEMEN VS. CITIZENS

Benefit for Widow of Lieutenant Moore. Keen Rivalry Between Teams Promises Good Sport.

For the purpose of raising a fund with which to pay \$1,800, which is due on the home of the late Lieut. James A. Moore, Major Sylvester will arrange a series of revolver matches between the Metropolitan Police force team and the Washington Revolver Association.

### Fund Being Raised.

In addition to the proceeds of the revolver matches a fund is being raised by citizens, and will be turned over to Major Sylvester for delivery to Mrs. Moore. This fund was started by Frank F. Madigan, who was intimately acquainted with Lieutenant Moore, and knew the sterling qualities which he possessed. Mr. Madigan contributed \$10, and a similar amount was donated by Frank P. Hall, a prominent business man in southwest Washington. Thomas Hopkins and a number of other merchants, Mr. Madigan is receiving the subscriptions and will turn the money over to Major Sylvester after the last revolver match.

### IN AN ENGLISH COURT.

Court scene in England: Islington woman is suing another woman for \$5 cents.

The Defendant—Your lordship. She has been writing private letters to my husband to try and get us parted—the cat (laughter).

The Plaintiff—I am a respectable woman.

Judge Edge—We take that for granted (laughter).

The Plaintiff—I work hard for my living.

The Judge—We take that for granted also (laughter).

The Defendant—I would not talk to a woman like you. But do you say I'm not respectable? (Laughter.)

The Plaintiff—I work hard—

Judge Edge—If this question of respectability and industry is to be pressed you had better both go outside (laughter).

The Defendant—But stop! What does she mean by saying I'm not—

Judge Edge—Do be quiet, will you?—Lloyd's Weekly News.

The net proceeds of the festival will be divided proportionately among the bodies participating in the form of Masonic Temple stock, and a generous rivalry among the bodies is expected to ensue.

Floral Achievements of Note.

The design work of the Gude Bros. Co. is original and tasteful. 1214 F.

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## COMMITTEE CHOSEN FOR MAY FESTIVAL

Thomas C. Noyes, Chairman For Masonic Event.

## BIG THINGS ARE PLANNED

Affair Will Last Full Week and Surpass All Similar Carnivals of Order.

The general committee which is in charge of the approaching Masonic May festival at Convention Hall has organized by the selection of some of the leading Free Masons of the city as officers and the subcommittees of the general committee are to be announced at an early date.

Thomas C. Noyes, head of the general committee is a well-known newspaper man. He is a member of King Solomon Lodge, No. 21, the youngest one in the jurisdiction, and the only one which meets in daylight, an unusual thing in bodies of the ancient fraternity.

The general committee was named by the Masonic Temple Association, which has charge of the erection of the proposed new Masonic Temple, and will have complete control of the Masonic festival enterprises. Mr. Noyes' associates as officers of the general committee are: First vice chairman, J. Speed Smith, of Washington Chapter, R. A. M.; second vice chairman, J. L. Marshall, of Lafayette Lodge, F. A. M.; secretary, J. Frank Trazzera, of Hope Lodge, F. A. M.; and treasurer, R. F. Smith, of Orient Commandery, No. 5, K. T.

Thirty-six subordinate lodges and other Masonic bodies are represented in the organization, from which the officers have been selected, and from the membership of which the subcommittees will be this week announced. This will be the third event in Masonic Temple building, the festival having been preceded by two very successful fairs in the last ten years. The festival will differ in many respects from the fairs.

It will cover the week of May 21-28 inclusive. The different evenings of the festival week will be devoted to various entertainments, among those under consideration being promenade, concert, ball, and vaudeville nights.

The Masonic Temple Association and the Masonic festival general committee rely for success largely upon the sale of season tickets, which will be soon offered to all the Masons of Washington.

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## ALPHA BETA PHI IS COURTING PHI PSI

To Revive Alpha Chapter of That Fraternity.

WILL PETITION ARCH BODY

George Washington Students Prepare Appeal to Council Meeting in Capital Next Month.

The Alpha Beta Phi fraternity, a society of George Washington University, has prepared a petition to the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity to revive the District of Columbia Alpha chapter, and will present the petition to the grand council of Phi Kappa Psi in Washington, April 18.

The Alpha Beta Phi organization, which was formed in 1904 for the purpose of eventually securing the charter of the defunct chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, has an active membership of twenty-one, representing the college, law, and medical schools, and has four faculty members. Prof. John Paul Earnest, Howard L. Hodgins, Eugene L. LeMerle, and William R. Vance. Eight of the petitioners are members of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, including the four faculty members.

Securing a chapter in this fraternity is difficult, owing to a feeling of Phi Kappa Psi that no more chapters should be added. The Alpha Beta Phis, however, are hopeful because they are not asking for a new chapter, but a revival of an old one.

District of Columbia Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi was founded in 1888 by James L. Norris, the Rev. H. S. Johnson, and Sumnerville E. Snively. In its thirty-one years of life, it enrolled some 150 members. After the removal of the college to the heart of the city, in buildings near the law and medical schools, the influence of the professional schools became so marked in fraternity affairs that, finally, in 1889, came the withdrawal of the chapter.

At each grand arch council during the seven years since the chapter was withdrawn, alumni of District of Columbia Alpha have been present to urge the renewal of it. Their earnest petition is endorsed by nearly 100 Phi Psis who are in the District of Columbia, including members of Congress and representative business and professional men.

## REPRESENTATIVE GILLET'S CLERK RETIREMENT BILLS

Representative Gillett of Massachusetts introduced in the House yesterday afternoon the two bills prepared by the Treasury branch of the Civil Service Retirement Association, providing for the pensioning of aged Government clerks.

The bills are the same as those introduced in the Senate last Thursday by Senator Perkins.

Fine Office Rooms for Rent

In the Munsey Building facing Pennsylvania avenue between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets. For rates and information, apply to A. D. Marks, office of The Washington Times.

## SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION TO DINE

Arrangements are being made for a subscription dinner by the Sons of the American Revolution on April 19 in the New Willard. The banquet will be held in place of the regular monthly meeting of the society, the board of managers having concluded to end the year's work in this manner.

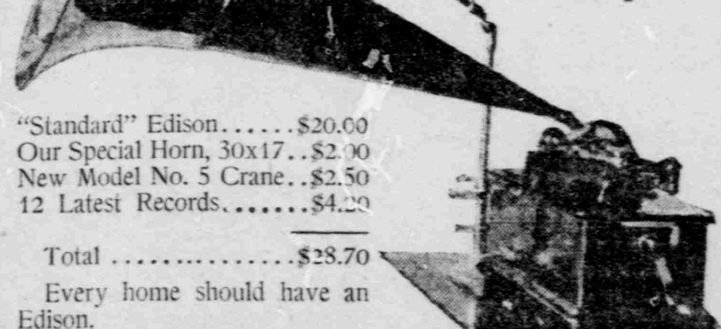
A significant fact concerning the date is that it is the anniversary of the battle of Lexington. Secretary Taft, M. Jusserand, French ambassador to the United States; Secretary Bonaparte, of the navy, and other distinguished men will be asked to attend.

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Tomorrow afternoon between 2:30 and 5 o'clock we will give you an opportunity to hear the voice of this greatest of living tenors. There'll be no charge for admission. Take elevator to third floor, annex.

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## Bargain Spots



Dressmaking days are here—and the Palais Royal's second floor is dotted with best of "Bargain Spots." Trashy silks and cotton-mixed wool fabrics are never tolerated at the Palais Royal, so that you need not be afraid of any of these bargains. The list is given below.

## Silk and Wool Fabrics

London Twine, 75c  
Usually \$1.00 Yard

This beautiful Black Dress Fabric is double width—50 inches. The most popular of all materials at only 75c.

Chiffon Panama, 89c  
Usually \$1.00 Yard

Note that 56-inch width is 80c and 42-inch Black Voile Only a very limited quantity.

Black Voile, 49c  
Usually \$1.00 Yard

From the most famous maker of black dress fabrics, 48c yard for his 42-inch Black Voile. Only a very limited quantity.

Gray Suiting, \$1.25  
Usually \$1.50 Yard

These 54-inch wide Wool Cloths are here in plain colors and invisible checks, this season's best \$1.50 suitings.

Check Suiting, 39c  
Usually 50c Yard

Various size checks in the fashionable color combinations, sold regularly at 50c per yard. No more to come—at 39c yard.

Black Taffeta, 98c  
Usually \$1.25 Yard

The quality guaranteed by the maker to us and by us to you. No risk to you. Note the width—36 inches.

White Silks, 25c  
Usually 39c Yard

The usual 25c silk is only 18 to 19 inches wide and poor quality. These are 23 inches wide and good quality.

Fancy Silks, 49c  
Usually 68c Yard

Choice of Check and Pin-striped Taffeta Silks in best variety. Nothing better made for shirt waist suits.

Marvel Silk, 25c  
Looks Worth 75c

"Marvel Silk" possesses the rustle and swish of the finest silk. We can recommend "Marvel Silk" for wear and durability. 38 inches wide.

Chiffon Lisse, 25c  
Looks Worth \$2.00

This is only a wash fabric, but it looks like imported \$2 voile. Here in plain colors and checks. On second floor.

## Trimmings

Trimmings, linings, silks, and dress goods are conveniently situated on second floor, where perfect light and ample room make selections a pleasure. See "Marvel Silk" for lining, 38 inches wide, and only 25c yard.

New Braid Applique, in gray and silver and gold, with Alice blue, green, and navy; 2 inches wide.....\$1.25

One side Persian Vesting trimming of White Pongee and light blue grounds. Yard.....75c

Fifty new styles of Persian Vestings to match any color dress 50c fabric. Yard.....50c

Persian trimmings, 1/4 to 3/4 inches wide, in one side and band effects. Per yard.....25c

## Ribbons

The out-of-the-way, rear-of-store, first-floor bargain table has been replenished with nearly 4,000 pieces of new Ribbons, all the best styles and colors, some 7 inches wide.

Plain Taffeta, Satin Taffeta, and Suede Ribbons in two grand lots. At, per yard, 12c and.....19c

Black and White Stripe Ribbons: the latest; 5 inches wide.....27c

Plaid Roman stripes, 5 inches wide, used for the new Peter Pan hats.....45c

Messaline Ribbon, 7-inch, in new shades of old rose, copper colors, greens, blues, white, and black.....29c

## Lace Bargain Spots

ON FIRST FLOOR

The feature of the "Mill and Factory Sale" in the Lace Department will be the offering of high-class expensive laces at surprisingly little prices. The list cannot be given at this writing—Saturday—but the laces will be ready for distribution tomorrow.

50c Brussels Net; white, cream, ecru, pink, blue, lavender; 72 inches wide.....39c

50c Figured Brussels Net; 27 inches wide; finest quality and richest effects.....\$1.33

75c Crepe Chiffon; all colors; 45 inches wide.....69c

50c Crepe Chiffon; all colors; 45 inches wide.....39c

50c Chiffon Cloth; all colors; 45 inches wide.....\$1.00

100c Point Venice Lace All overs; 18 inches wide; per yard.....75c

15c to 19c Point de Paris and Imitation Duchess Laces; match sets, 2 to 7 inches wide.....10c

30c quality Medici and Torch-on Laces; match sets, warranted to wash.....5c

50c to 60c pieces Val. laces; 12 yards to the piece.....39c

100c Black Silk Chantilly and La Tosca Nets; plain and figured 45 inches wide.....89c

## Dress Shields, 4 Pairs, 25c

Every Pair Warranted

## "Florence" Mercerized Braids

8c for 5-Yard Pieces

Warren's Silk Featherbone; usually 15c yard.....6c

Goff's Braid; 5-yard pieces; usually 15c yard.....9c